

**Open Session Minutes
January 19, 2010**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

Note: Chairman Simpson absent, Vice Chairman Chaffee presided over the meeting.

Before the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Chaffee reminded audience the election polls are open until 8 P.M.

OPEN FORUM

~Andy Triantafellow thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their recent response and assistance regarding a medical call to his home. He also expressed appreciation for Highway Superintendent Bob Corvi and all he and his department does.

1. Open Session Minutes of December 21, 2009

~Motion to accept by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

2. Executive Session Minutes of December 21, 2009

~Motion to accept as amended by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 4-0.

3. Open Session Minutes of January 4, 2010

~Motion to accept as amended by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 3-0-1(Johnson).

4. Executive Session Minutes of January 4, 2010

~Motion to accept revised minutes by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 3-0-1(Johnson)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. No Item

NEW BUSINESS

6. South Shore Vocational Toll Booth

~ Motion to approve Toll Booth on May 8, 2010 to support SS Vocational H.S. Parents Assoc. by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

7. Luke's Liquors Stock transfer-Held until 7:30 P.M. heard after Item 30

8. Water Department MWPTA Trust loans

~Motion to approve 3 loans and extend BAN for the water department by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.

30. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

~Reports of each Department, Committee and Board is due into the BOS office by February 1, 2010 for inclusion of in the Annual Report

~ Mr. Chiocca reported 3rd and 4th quarter tax bills would be mailed this week. The tax rate has been set by the Department of Revenue at \$14.39 per/thousand. The average single family home in Rockland is now approximately \$254,000. Third Quarter Bills will be due by February 22, 2010. The increase on an average tax bill is as a result of Prop 2 ½ increases and the May 2009 override will be \$385.00 for the fiscal year 2010.

~Reported the sponsors of the Cadogan's Road race wished to change the date to Saturday May 22, 2010 from Sunday May 23, 2010. Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

~Deputy Chief Ferguson informed the BOS a "new" used utility truck had been purchased using revolving funds from the Fire Department.

~BOS were informed BAT Bus service would be starting on or about February 16, 2010.

~Announced Rob Lynch of Rockland's auditing firm would be at the February 16, 2010 meeting to discuss the audit of Rockland.

~The BOS were informed the town's Internet and Sexual Harassment policies were being distributed to all employees in January. Appointed and elected officials would receive copies in April-May.

~Informed the BOS a collection was being held for Librarian Bev Brown's daughter Ashley who was victim of a fire in Melrose recently.

~Announced a Meat Raffle to benefit the Memorial Park Elementary P.A.C. at the Players Sports Bar on Sunday, January 24, 2010 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mr. Chiocca reported to the BOS he had attended the training to become qualified as a Municipal Hearing Officer in Stowe. The training is necessary to perform the duties for appeals to citations issued by the Fire and Building Departments.

Item # 7 Luke's Liquors Stock Transfer

At 7:30 p.m.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms O'Brien to open the hearing passed 4-0.

The BOS reviewed documents and heard from the petitioners this request was to transfer some stock in the company.

~Motion to Close the Hearing by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

~Motion to approve the transfer by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Ms. O'Brien

~Thanked the 3 recent Police Department retirees Det. Donovan, Sgt. Wentworth, Officer Norton and for their service to the town of Rockland and wished them well.

~Discussed the recent Polar Plunge to benefit the Food Pantry raising \$1250.

Mr. Johnson

~Urged donations to support Haiti relief efforts.

Mr. Zupkofska

~Agreed with Mr. Johnson's comment

~Spoke regarding U. S. efforts to help around the world.

~Felt Attorney Clifford was not necessary at the last executive session.

~Motion to put the recent Audit on the town Web site, no second.

~Announced an ethics complaint filed against him.

~Requested the Ken Karlson records.

Mr. Chaffee

~Urged help for the Haiti relief funds

~Thanked Police Officers Wentworth, Donovan and Norton for their service and wished them well.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

Meeting ended at 7:36p.m.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
for the Board of Selectmen

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